

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 1, immediately after the title on line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

**--Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This is the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/EP03/05248 filed 19 May 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A further pedal security system is disclosed by the DE 100 17 794. This pedal security system is made of a bearing bush brush for the pedal axis comprising a predetermined braking point. In case of an accident, the pedal axis is mechanically loaded by the connection for instance with the vehicle structure. This mechanical loading leads to a failure of the bearing brush for the pedal axis based on the presence of said predetermined braking point. As soon as the bearing brush fails, the pedal axis as well as the whole pedal is released. Now, the pedal is only connected with the linkage, for example of the clutch or the brake system. As already mentioned above in connection with the other pedal security system, the pedal is now freely moveable and can also lead to injuries of the driver. It is also disadvantageous that the bearing brush for mounting the pedal axis is destroyed into pieces in case of an accident which also can lead to injuries of the passengers.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, lines 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--The nature of the present invention or the basic principle of the pedal security system according to the invention consists in the fact that the pedal is selectively moved. The pedal security system according to this disclosure selectively moves the pedal out of the area~~

of the driver without completely releasing the same from its mounting. To this end, the present invention comprises an arrangement retaining said pedal axis which rotatably fixes the pedal axis under normal conditions and which in case of an accident provides a defined displacement path for the pedal axis and thus for the pedal. This defined path is predetermined by an expandable slot which expands by exceeding a mechanical limit load and, thus, can receive said pedal axis. This pedal axis also providing the rotating axis of said pedal is in this manner selectively moved out of the region of the driver and it is simultaneously held fast or secured to not cause injuries by the free movability of the pedal. Dependent on the construction of the respective motor vehicle, defined paths or desirable course for displacing the pedal axis can be predetermined by means of said expandable slot. In this manner, the pedal security system of the present invention can be optimally adapted to the local requirements of all motor vehicles.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, said lateral walls 52 projecting in said expandable slot 50 are moveably configured. Moveably means in this context that said lateral walls 52 can be pushed out of or moved out of said expandable slot 50 by a sufficient high mechanical load. Preferably according to the invention, said moving out of said lateral walls 52 is realized by bending or dismounting said lateral walls 52. To support said bending or dismounting, preferably according to the invention predetermined braking breaking points or diminution in the thickness of said lateral walls 52 are preferably arranged at the edge of said elongated hole or said expandable slot 50. In case said lateral walls 52 are dismounted or for example bent by an angle of 90° from their initial position, an

elongated hole as mentioned above follows wherein its width preferably according to the invention corresponds to the diameter of the opening 40 for receiving said pedal axis 30.--

Please delete the text appearing on page 11, lines 16-26, in its entirety.